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- CRITICAL JUNCTURE OF PEACE PROCESS

SUMMARY. SECRETARY'S VISIT TO EGYPT AND DISCUSSIONS IN
ISRAEL ARE FRONT-PAGE NEWS AUGUST 7, THOUGH MAJOR STORY
IS ANNOUNCEMENT OF NAME (NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY) AND
IMMEDIATE PLANS OF SADAT'S NEW PARTY. COMMENTARY ON
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COMING SADAT-VANCE MEETING CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON NEED
FOR CLARIFICATION OF AMERICA POSITION AND CRITICAL
JUNCTURE OF PEACE PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

1. SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TALKS. IN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES
AND EDITORIALS AUGUST 7, CAIRO PRESS CONTINUES TO HIGH-
LIGHT SECRETARY'S TALKS IN ISRAEL AND EGYPT, THOUGH

PRINCIPAL STORY IN ALL PAPERS IS ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANS FOR SADAT'S NEW PARTY. HEADLINES IN BOTH AHAM AND AKHBAR STATE THAT SADAT WILL INFORM VANCE TODAY OF EGYPT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CONTINUATION OF PEACE PROCESS IN LIGHT OF ISRAELI OBSTRUCTION OF SETTLEMENT EFFORTS. AHAM SAYS IT HAS LEARNED THAT EGYPT WILL DEMAND U.S. REITERATE KEY AMERICAN POSITIONS REGARDING A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, U.S. MUST CLEARLY STATE ITS POSITIONS ON: (A) ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON ALL FRONTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SC RESOLUTION 242, (B) ILLEGALITY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY, AND (C) THE RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR FUTURE. IN ITS MAIN EDITORIAL, AHAM COMMENTS THAT MANY MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE U.S. LAST CLARIFIED ITS MIDDLE EAST POSITIONS. MOREOVER, SINCE NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE U.S. TO PUT NEW SUGGESTIONS ON THE TABLE.

2. AHAM AND AKHBAR BOTH REPORT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER TOLD PRESS THAT NO DECISIONS HAVE YET BEEN MADE REGARDING FURTHER DIPLOMATIC MOVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, THE PRESIDENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THIS APPLIED ALSO TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON.

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3. NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY ESTABLISHED. MAIN STORY IN ALL EGYPTIAN PAPERS AUGUST 7 IS ANNOUNCEMENT BY FIKRI MAKHAN EBEID OF THE NAME OF SADAT'S NEW PARTY AND CLARIFICATION OF ITS IMMEDIATE AIMS. THE PARTY IS TO BE CALLED "NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY". SADAT WILL MEET ON AUGUST 14 WITH THE 140-MEMBER TEMPORARY PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN DISCUSSIONS THAT WILL LAST TWO DAYS AND FOCUS ON PARTY'S PROPOSED PROGRAM. WORKING GROUPS WILL THEN PROCEED TO ALL GOVERNORATES IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN PARTY'S PROGRAM, LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE, AND TAKE APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP. EBEID SAID NEW PARTY WILL HAVE THREE BASIC OBJECTIVES: TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR EVERY MOUTH, HOUSING FOR EVERY FAMILY, AND AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO INTENSIFIED WORK AND HIGHER PRODUCTION. EBEID FURTHER ANNOUNCED THE FOUR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES GENERAL OF THE PARTY: MOHAMAD ABDEL HAMID RADWAN, MAHER MOHAMAD ALI, MOHAMAD AHMAD EL OKAILY, AND MANSOUR MOHAMAD HASSAN. EILTS

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